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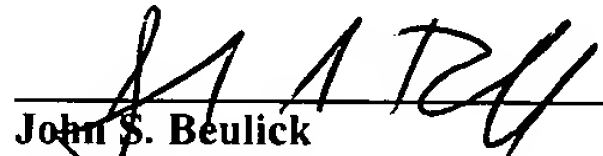
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Please amend the present patent application as set forth below.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph number 56 with the following replacement paragraph:

Figure 4 is an example of a login user interface 100 for an acquisition integration framework tool. Authorized users are able to access the acquisition framework tool by entering a valid user name and password. If a password is forgotten, a link exists where a user can notify a system administrator of the forgotten password. A link where a non-user can request an account